PM2.5 Concentrations in Urban and Rural Areas

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California Regional PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀ Air Quality Study (CRPAQS)

- Monitoring in central and northern California for 14 months (December 1999 through February 2001)
- Integrated effort
 - Air quality and meteorological measurements (100 monitoring locations, 500 instruments, 600 parameters)
 - Emissions characterization
 - Data analysis and modeling

CRPAQS Monitoring Sites

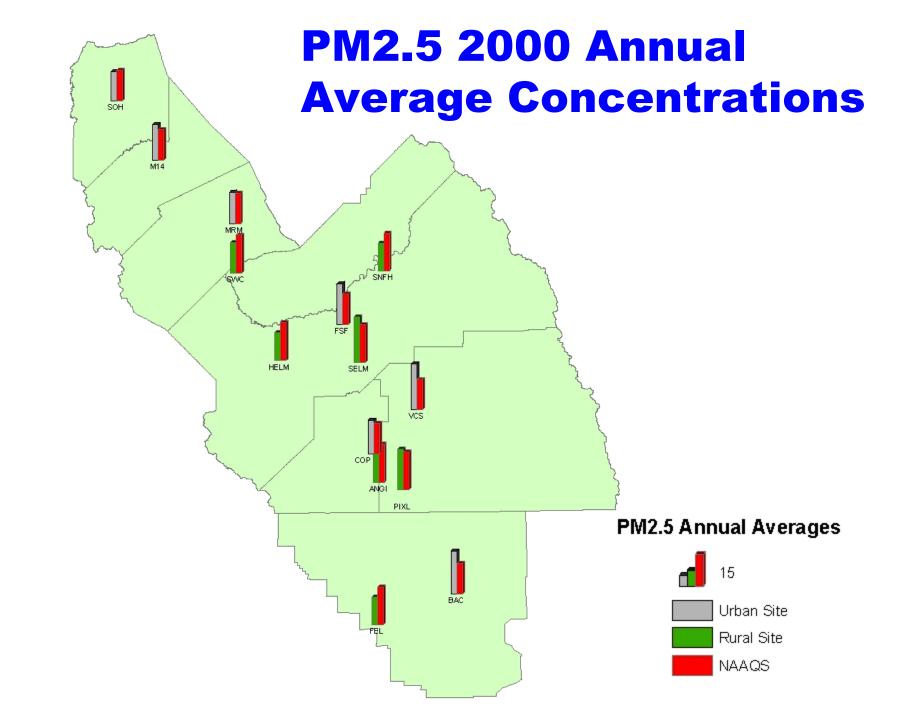


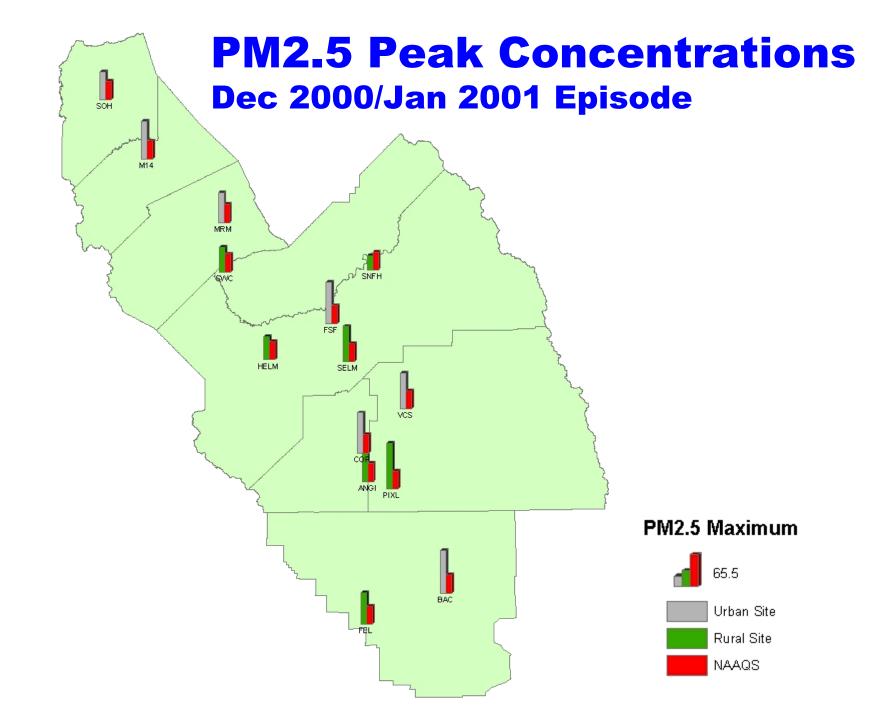


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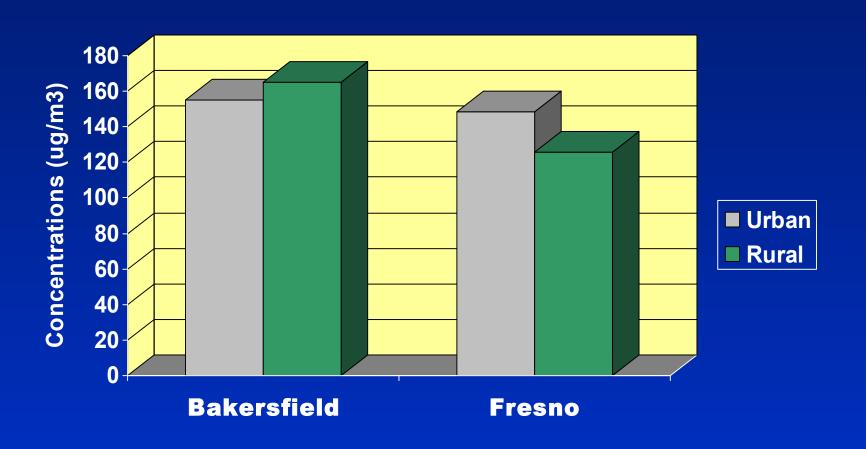
Overview

- PM2.5 concentrations
 - Annual average
 - Peak days
 - Temporal patterns
- Chemical composition
 - Annual average
 - Peak days
 - Temporal patterns



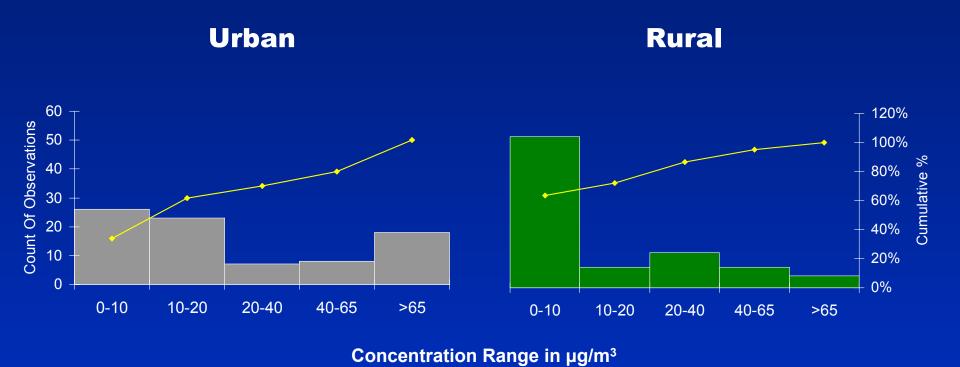


Peak PM2.5 Concentrations Dec 2000/Jan 2001 Episode

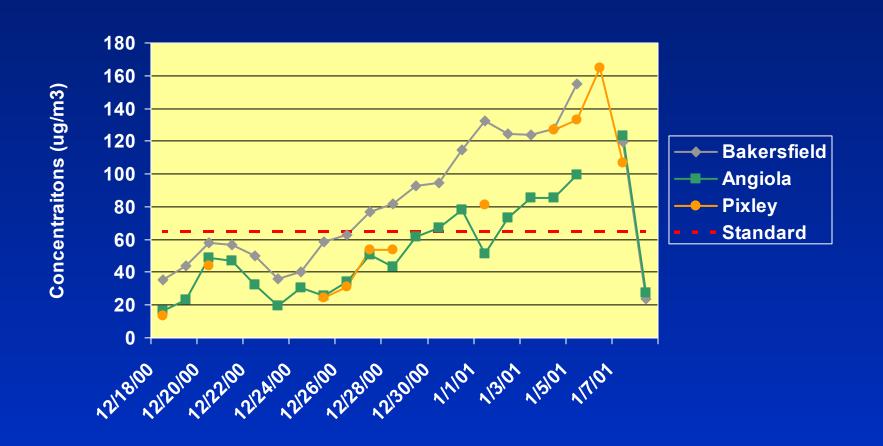


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Fresno Area, 12/2/1999 - 2/3/2001



PM2.5 Concentrations Bakersfield Area, Dec 2000/Jan 2001 Episode

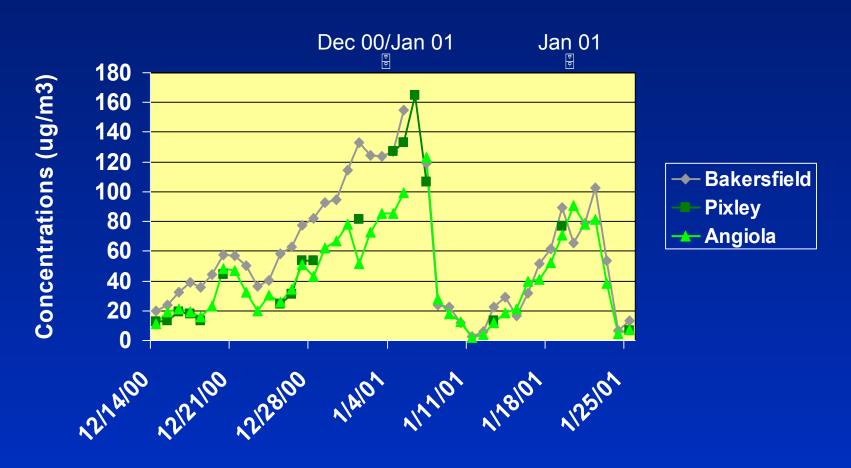


PM2.5 Concentrations Fresno Area, Dec 2000/Jan 2001 Episode

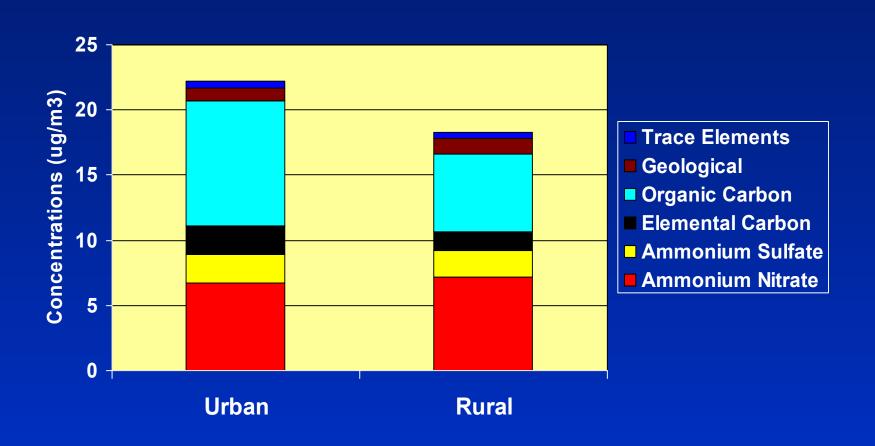


Temporal Patterns

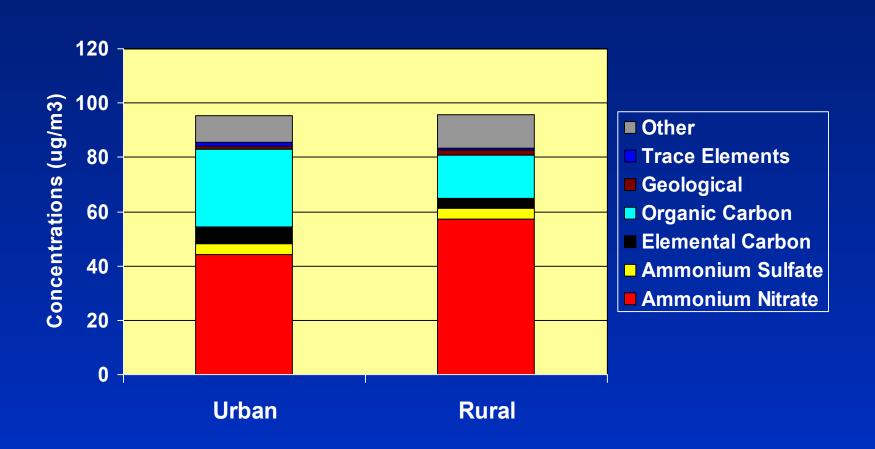
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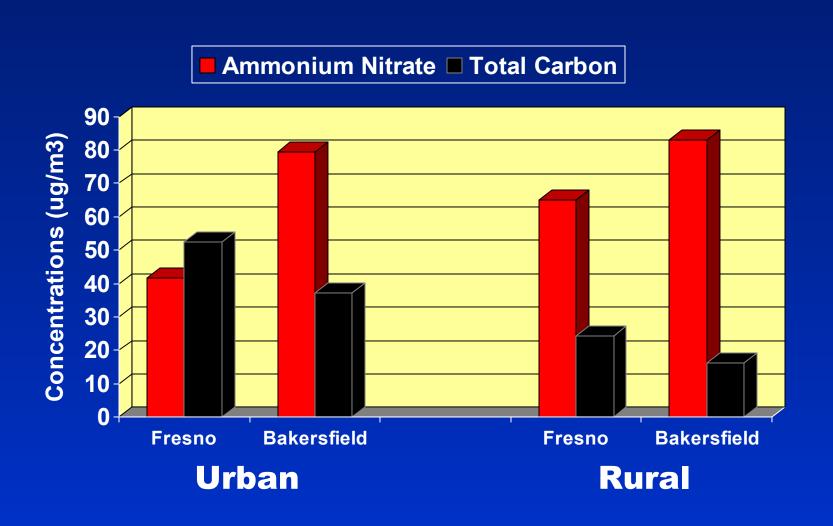
Chemical Speciation 2000 Annual PM2.5 Concentrations



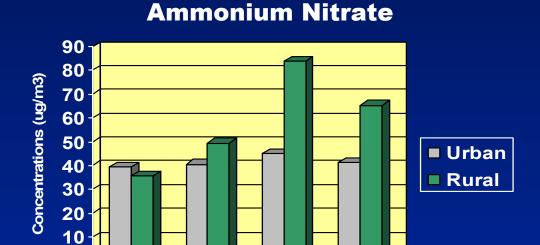
Chemical Speciation Average PM2.5 Exceedance Day



Average PM2.5 Exceedance



Differences Among Components at Fresno



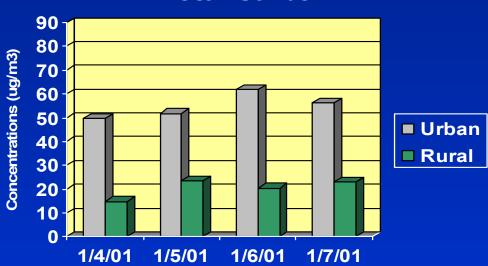


1/6/01

1/7/01

1/5/01

1/4/01



Diurnal Pattern PM2.5 Concentrations, January 1-6, 2001



Conclusions

- Annual average PM2.5 concentrations
 - Urban higher than rural
- Peak PM2.5 concentrations
 - Urban sites have more high days
 - Rural sites can have higher peaks
- Temporal patterns: Different scenarios depending on the weather
 - Rural delayed by few days or no delay

Conclusions Chemical Composition

- Annual average
 - Carbon responsible for the difference in concentrations
- Peak day
 - Fresno: Dominated by carbon
 - Bakersfield: Dominated by ammonium nitrate
 - Rural: Heavily dominated by ammonium nitrate